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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR EG IS

SUBJECT: OIL FIRES AT ABU RUDEIS

1. SEVERAL DAYS AGO, IN PRESS REPORTING ABOUT OIL WELL FIRES AT ABU RUDEIS, AHRAM STATED THAT GOI HAD DELIBERATELY SET FIRES AS PART OF POLICY DESIGNED TO PUT OIL FIELDS TO WASTE BEFORE WITHDRAWING FROM THEM.

2. JAN 16 PRESS REPORTS THAT THREE MORE WELLS HAVE BEEN SET AFIRE, AND AGAIN FOCUSES ON THIS QUESTION. AHRAM HAS LONG ARTICLE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH HOW FIRES MAY BE EXTINGUISHED, BUT ALSO CONCLUDES THAT, ACCORDING TO OIL EXPERTS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FIRE FROM ONE WELL WOULD KINDLE OTHERS AT A DISTANCE. HOW, AHRAM ASKS, DID FIRE OCCUR IN NEW

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WELLS?

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS NOT YET APPEARED IN PRESS, BUT  
MAY BE FORTHCOMING.  
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